

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The Zion United Methodist Church, founded in 1873, was organized by a group of settlers who began celebrating their spiritual needs in their homes, and later in the Pleasant Valley schoolhouse; and,

WHEREAS, In 1900, these truly devoted believers built a small country church on a hill northeast of Beresford, South Dakota, for their meaningful services; and,

WHEREAS, Two years later, a tragic windstorm struck the area destroying this early church, so this dedicated congregation rebuilt the church only to have lightning strike in 1938, once again destroying the church; and,

WHEREAS, The members of the church combined their dedication and hard work and rebuilt the church in 1938, but to their dismay the new building was destroyed by a windstorm in 1944; and,

WHEREAS, In 1945, a new church was constructed and by 1968, it was necessary to enlarge this building to accommodate the growing congregation; and,

WHEREAS, In the beginning, this progressive country church was known as the Zion Evangelical Church. It was then dedicated as the Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church. And today, regular services are celebrated in the Zion United Methodist Church; and,

WHEREAS, A special day has been set aside for the members of this loving congregation to gather together and reminisce about the past 110 years of service and dedication to the Beresford community:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, August 14, 1983, as

ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH DAY

in South Dakota.



ATTEST:

*Alice Lundberg*  
ALICE LUNDBERG, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of August, In the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

*William J. Janklow*  
WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

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